

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, 10, 14-32, and 36 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims in light of these amendments and the following arguments is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The examiner has rejected claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Bourbakis *et al* (hereinafter Bourbakis). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

All independent claims have been amended to recite that the object to be displayed is received from a web site and many also include the recitation that the method is performed in a browser. These amendments are believed to provide distinctions over the art relied on. Exemplary claim 1 recites,

1. A method in a browser for examining a three dimensional image, the method comprising:
 - receiving, from a web site, a page that includes an object, wherein the object includes a set of views for different angles of view for the object;
 - presenting said object to the user;
 - responsive to a user input to traverse a view from the set of views, transcoding a depth map for the view into a non-visual output; and
 - sending the non-visual output to an assistive technology device.

It is submitted that Bourbakis is directed to a method and apparatus for assisting a handicapped person receive information about the real world, noting,

[The invention] will help a blind user to be independent and able to walk and work along in a 3-D dynamic environment. The system captures images from the surrounding 3-D environment, either by the user's command or in a continued mode, and converts the visual description of each image into a verbal (low or high level) descriptions.¹

In contrast, the claimed invention is directed to assisting a handicapped person receive information from the Internet. Bourbakis can present a vocal description of the visual surroundings, but is not equipped to provide information from a web site. Therefore, Bourbakis does not disclose "receiving, from a web site, a page that includes an object, wherein the object includes a set of views for different angles of view for the object".

Additionally, the claimed invention recites that the user can request that the system transcode a depth map for the view and provide a non-visual version of the perceived depth. This ability is not shown in Bourbakis, therefore Bourbakis does not

¹ Bourbakis abstract, lines 4-11

show “responsive to a user input to traverse a view from the set of views, transcoding a depth map for the view into a non-visual output; and sending the non-visual output to an assistive technology device”.

Since all claims now contain these or similar limitations, it is submitted that all claims are now allowable. Consequently, it is respectfully urged that the rejection of claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

Furthermore, Bourbakis does not teach, suggest, or give any incentive to make the needed changes to reach the presently claimed invention. Bourbakis is not directed to browsing on the Internet. Absent the examiner pointing out some teaching or incentive to implement a browser in Bourbakis, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be led to modify Bourbakis to reach the present invention when the reference is examined as a whole. It is further submitted that the presently claimed invention can be reached only through an improper use of hindsight using the applicants' disclosure as a template to make the necessary changes to reach the claimed invention.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The examiner has rejected claims 6, 13, 21, 28, 34, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Bourbakis in view of Lynt *et al.* (hereinafter Lynt). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is noted that all of these claims are dependent claims, whose independent claims have been asserted to be allowable above. Thus, these claims inherit the allowability of their parent claims.

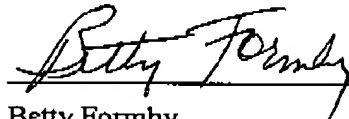
III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over Bourbakis and Lynt and is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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